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BALLET

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1. IN JUNE 18 CONVERSATION WITH CRAWFORD, (WHO CURRENTLY
IN OREGON WITH COMPANY) DEPT DISCUSSED AND CONFIRMED
FOLLOWING.

A) WEIGHT COMPANY PROPERTIES REMAINS AT 52,000 POUNDS,
9,000 CUBIC FEET. AS INDICATED PARA 3 AND 4 REFTL (B)
COMPANY'S REPERTOIRE HAS NOT CHANGED TO DEGREE THAT IT
WOULD AFFECT WEIGHT OF PROPERTIES BEING CARRIED TO
SOVIET UNION. FYI: AS MODERN BALLET TROUPE, COMPANY
CARRIES MORE ELECTRICS THAN NYC BALLET. END FYI.

B) WE MINDFUL OF INEVITABLE LOGISTICS PROBLEMS
PRESENTED RE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN CITIES, PARTICULARLY
AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. WEATHER PERMITTING AND IF DISTANCE
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BETWEEN CITIES WOULD ALLOW IT, PROPERTIES MAY BE SURFACED

CITY TO CITY IN THREE COVERED TRUCKS 45 FEET LONG, (LENGTH IS VITAL) 8 FEET WIDE, NINE FEET HIGH (STANDARD AMERICAN THEATRICAL TRUCKS) SO LONG AS TRUCKS ARRIVE AT ONWARD PERFORMANCE SITE MINIMUM THIRTY TWO HOURS BEFORE OPENING

PERFORMANCE. EARLY ARRIVAL MUST BE ASSURED IN ORDER BEGIN SET-UP IMMEDIATELY. LARGEST SINGLE PIECE IS BLACK LEGS (FOR MASKING OFF SIDES OF STAGES) 24' LONG X 5'9" WIDE; LARGEST CRATE IS 8'L X 3'6" X 3'6", FOUR OTHER CRATES FOR LINOLEUMS MEASURE 5'H X 5'W X 3'D. CUBIC DIMENSIONS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

C) AS INDICATED REFTEL (D), SET UP TIME TWENTY HOURS, STRIKE ANYWHERE FROM FOUR TO EIGHT HOURS. TOTAL TECHNICAL CREW REQUIRED FOR LOAD IN/LOAD OUT TWENTY FOUR. LOCAL CREW REQUIRED FOR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES SIXTEEN (CARPENTERS, ELECTRICIANS AND PROMEN).

D) BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL CHANGES IN COMPANY, CRAWFORD ADVISES LISTING OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FURNISHED BY AUG. 1. PLAN FORWARD PUBLICITY MATERIALS NEXT WEEK. CASTING FOR EACH WORK WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL FALL AND AFTER REVIEW OF REMAINING DANCE WORKS HOPEFULLY BY GOLOVKINA. AS INDICATED REFTEL (B), COMPANY, PARTICULARLY JOFFREY, COUNTING HEAVILY ON GOLOVKINA'S RETURN TO U.S. IN OCT. IN THIS CONNECTION, ADVISE WHETHER EMB HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS WITH GOSK ALL POINTS RAISED REFTEL (B). IN ADDITION, ALSO ADVISE WHETHER GOLOVKINA INDICATED TO P & C NALLE SHE HAS DISCUSSED WITH GOSK POSSIBILITY OF MAKING AVAILABLE TO COMPANY CERTAIN SCENERY AND PROPS REQUIRED FOR DANCE WORK "THE DREAM".

E) RE PROGRAMS. FINAL PROGRAMS TO BE DETERMINED DURING OCT. VISIT BY GOLOVKINA. WISH REASSURE EMB/GOSK THAT THERE WILL BE VARIETY IN EACH EVENING PROGRAM AS THERE WILL BE NO COMPLETE DUPLICATION OF ANY PROGRAM IN ANY ONE CITY. CRAWFORD ON HIS ARRIVAL WITH STAGE MANAGER AND AFTER SURVEY OF THEATRES WILL BE PREPARED DISCUSS PROGRAM AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS IN FULL DETAIL.

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F) LISTING OF SOV MUSICIANS (46) WILL BE FURNISHED GOSK BY CRAWFORD ON HIS ARRIVAL.

G) RE RETURN OF PROPERTIES U.S. CRAWFORD ADVISES ALL ELECTRIC PROPERTIES MUST RETURN BY AIR. THEIR WEIGHT NOT KNOWN AS THEY ARE RENTAL ITEMS. RE RETURN OF BALANCE OF PROPERTIES, CRAWFORD ADVISES HE PREPARED HAVE THEM RETURN VIA SURFACE SO LONG AS GOSK CAN

ARRANGE FOR ARRIVAL OF PROPERTIES IN NEW YORK CITY
NO LATER RPT NO LATER THAN JAN. 10, 1975.

H) CRAWFORD PRESENTLY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF HAVING
GROUP ARRIVE NOV. 17 INSTEAD OF NOV. 18; PREMIERE ON
NOV. 19 INSTEAD OF NOV. 20. EARLIER ARRIVAL BY ONE DAY

WOULD MEAN ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE IN OPENING CITY,
PREFERRABLY LENINGRAD. GOSK WOULD BE REQUIRED FURNISH
PER DIEM FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DAY. APPRECIATE EMB AND
GOSK VIEWS ON THIS HIGHLY TENTATIVE PROPOSAL.

2. ADVISE ALL POINTS PRIORITY. KISSINGER

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